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TO: State Building Code Council Members

RE: Report to the Legislature

In accordance with legislation passed in 2009 (E2SSB 5854-codified in part as RCW19.27A.160) the Council is responsible to report progress toward the energy consumption reductions specified in the bill. The first report is due by December 31, 2012.

Final adoption of the 2012 energy code is scheduled for November 9. The Council should consider either appointing a special committee or assigning the standing committee to prepare a preliminary report, pending final action on the 2012 energy code. Report findings could include economic, technological and process factors in energy code adoption, and specifics such as compliance with federal law and model codes and standards.

RCW 19.27A.160

Residential and nonresidential construction — Energy consumption reduction — Council report.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, residential and nonresidential construction permitted under the 2031 state energy code must achieve a seventy percent reduction in annual net energy consumption, using the adopted 2006 Washington state energy code as a baseline.

(2) The council shall adopt state energy codes from 2013 through 2031 that incrementally move towards achieving the seventy percent reduction in annual net energy consumption as specified in subsection (1) of this section. **The council shall report its progress by December 31, 2012**, and every three years thereafter. If the council determines that economic, technological, or process factors would significantly impede adoption of or compliance with this subsection, the council may defer the implementation of the proposed energy code update and shall report its findings to the legislature by December 31st of the year prior to the year in which those codes would otherwise be enacted.